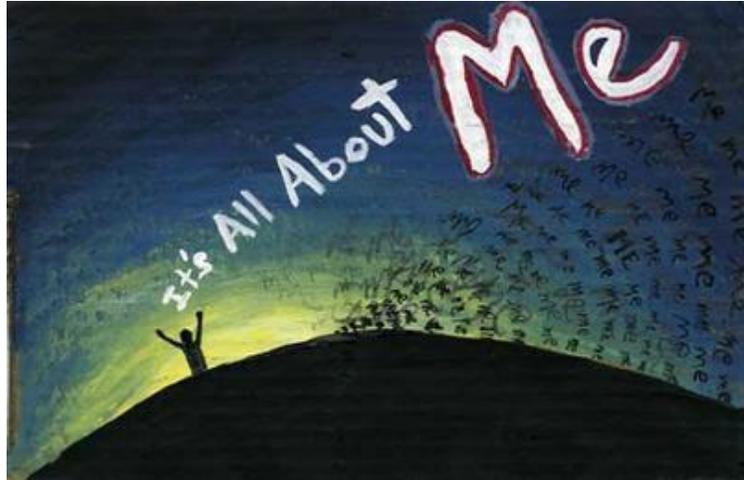


**HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Worship Bulletin for Sunday,**  
**September 6, 2020**

**11 AM**

**ELW Holy Communion**  
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**GATHERING The Holy Spirit calls us**  
**together as the people of God**



*Prior to Worship, please text Prayers into Holy Cross'*  
*"Text in Church" # 314.329.0487 & Pastor will lift them in Prayers of the People today*

**WELCOME**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)**

*The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Faithful God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.**  
**We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another**  
**before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.**  
**We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,**  
**and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness!*

God hears the cries of all who call out in need, and through his death and resurrection,  
Christ has made us his own. Hear the truth that God proclaims:  
Your sins are forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ. Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and  
newness to do God's work in the world. **Amen.**

**OPENING SONG - *Glorious Day***

## Verse 1

I was buried beneath my shame  
Who could carry that kind of weight  
It was my tomb 'til I met You

## Verse 2

I was breathing but not alive  
All my failures I tried to hide  
It was my tomb 'til I met You

## Chorus

('Cause when) You called my name (and)  
I ran out of that grave  
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day  
You called my name (and) I ran out of that grave  
Out of the darkness into Your glorious day

## Verse 3

Now Your mercy has saved my soul  
Now Your freedom is all that I know  
The old made new Jesus when I met You

## Bridge

I needed rescue my sin was heavy  
But chains break at the weight of Your glory  
I needed shelter I was an orphan  
Now You call me a citizen of Heaven  
When I was broken You were my healing  
Now Your love is the air that I'm breathing  
I have a future my eyes are open

CCLI Song # 7081388

## **GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the free-formed prayer.*

O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy...  
... through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**WORD** God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

**PSALM - Psalm 119:33-40 (Read responsively by the Worship Asst. and Pastor with All)**

- <sup>33</sup>Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes,  
and I shall keep it to the end.
- <sup>34</sup>**Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching;  
I shall keep it with all my heart.**
- <sup>35</sup>Lead me in the path of your commandments,  
for that is my desire.
- <sup>36</sup>**Incline my heart to your decrees  
and not to unjust gain.**
- <sup>37</sup>Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood;  
give me life in your way.
- <sup>38</sup>**Fulfill your promise to your servant,  
which is for those who fear you.**
- <sup>39</sup>Turn away the reproach that I dread,  
because your judgments are good.
- <sup>40</sup>**Behold, I long for your commandments;  
by your righteousness enliven me.**

**SECOND READING - Romans 13:8-14 (Read by the Worship Asst.)**

A reading from Romans.

*The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we "put on the Lord Jesus Christ" and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.*

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and

licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **KIDS' MESSAGE – Pastor Callista**

### **GOSPEL - Matthew 18:15-20 (Read by Pastor)**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.*

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>15</sup>“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup>But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

<sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **SERMON - ENEMY of GRATITUDE: Entitlement?**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

### **CREED *The Apostles' Creed***

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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\*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

Unite your church, O God. Grant us the gifts of repentance and reconciliation. Bless the cooperative work of churches in this community (*especially*). Strengthen ecumenical partnerships; guide the work of the Lutheran World Federation and the World Council of Churches. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Protect your creation, O God. Teach us ways that do not harm what you have entrusted to our care. Renew and enliven places suffering from drought, flood, storms, or pollution (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Turn nations and leaders from ways that lead to death. Shape new paths toward peace and cooperation, teaching us to recognize one another as neighbors. Guide legislators, civil servants, judges, and police toward laws that protect the well-being of all. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Tend to all in need of your compassion. Hear the cries of those awaiting justice and those yearning for forgiveness. Give community to the lonely and neighbors to the outcast. Shelter all who are vulnerable in body, mind, or spirit, especially *Marilyn, Vera, Keith, Luanne, Sionie, Jean, Merry, Adam, Kelly, Betty, Michelle, Leah, Wayne, Pat, Bob, Cynthia, Dave, Dennis, Fred, Grace, Jason, Mark, Reed, Roger, Sandy, Sarah, William, and all who are participating in Covid-19 trials to help find vaccines to treat the virus.* Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Sustain us in our work, O God, and give work to those who need it. Shape societies to ensure fair treatment for all who labor. Help us to love our neighbors in and through our work. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

*Pastor:* We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in faith. As you equipped them, equip us with your protection and power, until with them we see your salvation. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**PEACE (ELW p. 206)**

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.*

**MEAL God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ**

**OFFERING** *Please continue to offer to Holy Cross what you desire to give to God through*

*1) Your established e-giving pledge through Vanco OR*

*2) through a new mobile App called GIVEPLUS+ is available from your mobile store online*

*3) send your check directly to Holy Cross at 13014 Olive Blvd. in Creve Coeur, MO 63141*

*4) Go to our Website and hit "DONATE NOW" <http://www.holycrosselca.com/site/cs/links.asp>*

*The presiding minister instructs those communing at home to gather their bread / cracker / wine/ grape juice elements to hold up during the Words of Institution.*

**OFFERING SONG - Living Hope**

Verse 1

How great the chasm that lay between us  
How high the mountain I could not climb  
In desperation I turned to heaven  
And spoke Your name into the night  
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul  
The work is finished the end is written  
Jesus Christ my living hope

Verse 2

Who could imagine so great a mercy  
What heart could fathom such boundless grace  
The God of ages stepped down from glory  
To wear my sin and bear my shame  
The cross has spoken I am forgiven  
The King of kings calls me His own  
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever  
Jesus Christ my living hope

## Chorus

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free  
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me  
You have broken every chain  
There's salvation in Your name  
Jesus Christ my living hope

## Verse 3

Then came the morning that sealed the promise  
Your buried body began to breathe  
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me  
(REPEAT)  
Jesus Yours is the victory whoa

## Ending

Jesus Christ my living hope  
Oh God You are my living hope

CCLI Song # 7106807

## **OFFERING PRAYER (ELW p. 206)**

*After the table is set, the assisting minister leads...*

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

### **DIALOGUE (ELW p. 206)**

*The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks in a free-form spoken prayer.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**PREFACE (ELW p. 207)**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ELW p. 207)**

*The presiding minister continues, using one of the following or another appropriate form.*

O God most mighty,  
O God most merciful,  
O God our rock and our salvation,  
hear us as we praise,  
call us to your table,  
grant us your life.  
When the earth was a formless void,  
you formed order and beauty.  
When Abraham and Sarah were barren,  
you sent them a child;  
When the Israelites were enslaved,  
you led them to freedom.  
Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath,  
and the psalmists cried out for healing,  
and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.  
You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother.  
He was born among the poor,  
he lived under oppression,  
he wept over the city.  
With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

**[PLEASE LIFT UP YOUR HOME COMMUNION BREAD & CUP OR FELLOWSHIP CUP]**

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup,  
gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people  
for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen. **[Amen.]**

Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. **[Amen.]**

Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. **[Amen.]**

O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.

O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.

O God, you are wine: warm our hearts and make us one.

O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

O God most majestic, O God most motherly,

O God our strength and our song,

you show us a vision of a tree of life

with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations.

Grant us such life,

the life of the Father to the Son,

the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior,

life in you, now and forever.

**Amen.**

#### **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come,**

**your will be done,**

**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those**

**who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial**

**and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,**

**and the glory are yours,**

**now and forever. Amen.**

#### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION (ELW p. 208)**

*The presiding minister may address the assembly in these or similar words.*

Taste and see that the Lord is good. *The assembly may be seated. The bread may be broken for HOME Communion.*

#### **COMMUNION**

## **SONG AFTER COMMUNION - *Great Are You, Lord***

### Verse

You give life You are love  
You bring light to the darkness  
You give hope You restore ev'ry heart that is broken  
And great are You Lord

### Chorus

It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise  
We pour out our praise  
It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise to You only

### Bridge

And all the earth will shout Your praise  
Our hearts will cry these bones will sing  
Great are You Lord  
(REPEAT)

CCLI Song # 6460220

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (ELW p. 208)**

*The assisting minister leads...*

Let us pray.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

**SENDING God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **BLESSING (ELW p. 209)**

*The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.*

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. **Amen.**

**DISMISSAL (ELW p. 209)**

*The assisting minister sends...*

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SENDING SONG - *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee***

Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt a way.  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine;  
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine!

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*The flowers at the altar today are given to the glory of God  
by Cheryl Weiland  
in honor of Patrick Goertzen's birthday.*

